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Parcels and Goods shipped to all parts
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upon receipt of Cubic Capacity, Contents,
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CHINA PARCEL EXPRESS.
OFFICE—3, DUNDRELL STREET.
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 1815

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that
GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as
under.

On Wednesday, 8th March—
From Sze-chuan, East, in a westerly
direction, at ranges of 1,000 to 4,000
yards, commencing at 9 a.m., and
finishing at 11 a.m.

On Friday, 10th March—
From Pak-sha Wan, towards the entrance
to Junk Bay, at ranges of 600 to 4,000
yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m., and
finishing at 11 a.m.

From Lyemun, towards the mainland North-
East of Junk Island, at a range of 6,000
yards, on conclusion of the above.

From Syuan, towards the Mainland North-
East of Junk Island, at a range of 5,000
yards, on conclusion of the above.

If the weather is unfavourable on either
of the above dates, Practice will take place
on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to
keep clear of the ranges.

L. BARNES-LAWRENCE,
Captain, R.N.
Harbour Department,
Hongkong, March 4, 1905. 473

SALVAGE OF S.S. PAUL DOUMER.

OFFERS to BRING the ABOVE-
NAMED STEAMER to HONG-
KONG to be sent to—
CHUNG KEE LUN,
40, ADELPHI STREET, HONGKONG.
Where full particulars can be obtained.
Hongkong, February 28, 1905. 425

WANTED.

A First-Class CHINESE TEACHER
for a Day School. Must have a
thorough knowledge of English, Write,
speak, and understand Chinese, and
Salary required, to—
C. C. R.,
Care of "China Mail" Office,
Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 429

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
the 1st day of March 1905, interest at
the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon
all calls in respect of Shares not fully paid
up from the day appointed for Payment of
such calls, namely 1st January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 11, 1905. 442

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all
SHARES in respect of which the
Final Call of \$7.50 per Share has not been
paid will, unless the same be paid together with
interest accrued and accruing thereon be
sold at the Hongkong Office of the
Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or
before the 28th FEBRUARY 1905, be
liable to be forfeited.

Dated the 20th January, 1905.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers. 442

THE POPULAR

SCOTCH

IS

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JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS
By Appointment to—
H.M. THE KING
and
H.M. THE PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the leading Hotels and
Restaurants, and to be obtained from LANE,
CRAWFORD & CO., Queen's Road,
Central.

Business Notices.

W. S. BAILEY & CO.

ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

WORKS: KOWLOON BAY. OFFICES & STORES: No. 20, CONNAUGHT ROAD.

Hongkong, March 1, 1905. 416

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

s.s. HONAM, 2,363 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.
s.s. FOYAN, 2,338 tons, Captain R. D. Thomas.
s.s. KATSHAN, 2,298 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.
s.s. HANKOW, 3,073 tons, Captain C. V. Lloyd.
s.s. KINSHAN, 1,495 tons, Captain J. J. Lossius.

Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m., and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. (Sunday Excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

s.s. HEUNGSHAN, 1,598 tons, Captain W. E. Clarke.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 p.m.
Departures on Sundays at 12.30 p.m.
Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. LUNGSHAN, 210 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.30 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m.

Canton-Wuchow Line.

s.s. SAIYAM, 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.
s.s. NANNING, 669 tons, Captain C. Butcher.
One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at—
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.
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Or of BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

PELHAM HOUSE.

PRIVATE HOTEL, CENTRALLY SITUATED.
THREE MINUTES' WALK FROM POST OFFICE.
SPECIAL TERMS FOR MONTHLY BOARDERS.
RATES MODERATE.
Hongkong, September 6, 1904. 1675

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to give notice to the Public generally of his intention to sell the Business of Contracts and House Building formerly carried on under the Style of LIN WOO & CO., will hereafter be known under the Style of LAM WOO & CO. We have REMOVED from No. 8, Lee Yuen Street (East) to No. 12, LEE YUEN STREET (West).

Chinese Hong Name "LUN YICK."
Hongkong, March 3, 1905. 461

ROYAL HAIRDRESSING SALOON.

No. 14, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.
We beg to notify the Public generally of Hongkong that we have just OPENED a First-class Hairdressing Salon at the above address. We make a Specialty of—
S. MOUTRIE & CO., LD.,
Hongkong, March 2, 1905. 463

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LD.

PIANO AND ORGAN MANUFACTURERS.
14, QUEEN'S ROAD, FIRST FLOOR.

HAVE just received a shipment of second-hand Pianos from \$200 upwards, and a written guarantee for a test period of TWO YEARS given for each instrument.

A large consignment of records at the low figure of \$1.80 each, 5% on wholesale orders.

The largest and most varied Stock of Music in China. Inspection solicited. Our workmen are experienced men.

WE DEFY COMPETITION.
INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, March 3, 1905. 455

ROYAL TOBACCO FACTORY.

9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.
HAVE always a FRESH SUPPLY of TURKISH TOBACCO, GREEK, and other choice tobaccos. We can recommend them as First-class. We receive our Tobacco Fresh from Egypt by every mail. A Trial Order will satisfy the most sceptical. We defy competition.

T. E. P. SPYROPOLIS, Proprietor.
Hongkong, February 15, 1905. 375

NIPPON LAUNDRY.

No. 62 and 63, PRAYA EAST.
ALL Work done in this Establishment is promptly executed. Neatness a Specialty. Ironing and Washing done by experienced Japanese. PRICES MODERATE.

G. MONY, Proprietor.
Hongkong, February 13, 1905. 306

Business Notices.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED

(SOLE AGENTS FOR BELL'S ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON).

SAVE FUEL BY COVERING YOUR BOILERS AND STEAMPIPIES

WITH

BELL'S ASBESTOS NON-CONDUCTING COMPOSITION.

ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR WORK FINISHED COMPLETE.

OR SUPPLIED IN Bags of 1 cwt. each.

Office: 6, DES VOEUX ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED EX 'JAPAN':

LADIES' TRIMMED HATS

LATEST LONDON AND PARIS STYLES.

LADIES' SILK BLOUSES.

LADIES' DRESSING GOWNS.

INSPECTION INVITED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

STAG HOTEL.

143, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, MOST CENTRALLY SITUATED.
Monthly Bill. Well-furnished and airy bedrooms.
Hongkong, November 5, 1904. 1419

D. NOMA, TATTOOER.

60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
THE Public are informed that my Parlours are open from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. My 32 years' experience in tattooing is a guarantee of good work and prompt execution. My Colours are absolutely fast and perfectly harmonious, and produce a charming effect not obtained by any other, as their composition is only known to me. H. R. H. The Duke of York, and H. R. H. The Emperor of Russia, both honoured me with their patronage; besides many others of High Rank. Prices Moderate and satisfaction guaranteed as attested by 2700 Recommendations which I have received from all Sources.

Hongkong, August 2, 1904. 1419

N. LAZARUS, OPTICIAN.

10, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.
SIGHT TESTED FREE. LENSES GRIND ON THE PREMISES.
A. S. TUXFORD, Manager.
Hongkong, October 1, 1904. 1797

CLARK'S STUDIO.

4, ICE HOUSE STREET.
PORTRAITURE IN ALL STYLES.
AMATEUR WORK A SPECIALITY.
Hongkong, October 5, 1904. 1812

The Peak Hotel.

Admirably Situated—Sheltered from the North-East Monsoon and Open to the South-West Monsoon.
A COVERED GANGWAY LEADS FROM THE TRAMWAY TERMINUS INTO THE HOTEL.
Telephone No. 22.
Telegraphic Address: "PEACEFUL."
FOOTWAY OFFICE—7, DUNDRELL STREET.
Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 18

DON'T! DON'T!!

BUY any of the CHEAP NATIVE CHAIRS until you have visited the Factory of the

HARRIS-KEENEY CO.
Nos. 1 to 14, SHAU-KI-WAN ROAD.
Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 19

GREGOR & CO.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
BRANDIES.
A SELECTION FROM THEIR PRICE LIST:

SPIDER BRAND... ..Per Case Quarts \$19.20
FINE PALE... .." " " 20.50
M. B. & R.'s... .." " " 25.00
1848... .." " " 120.00
60 Years Old Grande Fine Champagne... ..126.00

N.B.—All our Wines and Spirits are BOTTLED AT HOME, thereby ensuring to our Customers all the advantages accruing from bottlings done at Home under the direct supervision of the Growers and Distillers as compared to bottlings in China by Chinese men at the Service of European Firms.

34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor.
(W. Powell & Co.'s Old Premises).
Hongkong, March 4, 1905. 2110

Business Notices.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

PORTLAND CEMENT

Casks of 875 lbs. net, \$4.50 per Cask, ex Factory.

Bags of 250 lbs. net, \$2.60 per Bag, ex Factory.

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, March 1, 1905. 2653

FAIRALL & CO.

RAIN COATS, LADIES' UNDERWEAR, CORSETS,
SILK AND LACE TRIMMED CAMBRIC
UNDERSKIRTS.
HOSIERY, SHOES, AND GLOVES.
NEW STRAW HAT SHAPES.

22, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Opposite Hongkong Hotel).
Hongkong, February 28, 1905. 1095

HONGKONG HOTEL.

UNRIVALLED FOR COMFORT AND CUISINE.
THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY.

MODERATE TERMS AND NO EXTRAS.
A. F. DAVIES, Acting Manager.

THE CONNAUGHT HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, SITUATED NEAR THE BANK AND PRINCIPAL OFFICES.—EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.
Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.
Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply THE MANAGER. 31

THOMAS' HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well Furnished and Airy Bedrooms. Monthly Boarders accommodated on very Moderate Terms.
For Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, August 1, 1904. 1415

LEADING SCOTCH WHISKIES.

THORNE'S BLEND... ..Per Doz. \$12.00
CLAYMORE... .." " 14.00
LOCHABER... .." " 14.00
V. R. O. LIQUEUR (Square bottle)... ..16.50

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Wine and Spirit Merchants,
SOLE AGENTS.

W. BREWER & CO.

23 and 25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Adventures of Louis de Rougemont... ..80
Coming Conquest of England; cloth \$2.90
Traffics and Discoveries, by Kipling... ..1.75
The Loves of Miss Anne, by... ..1.75
Crockett... ..1.75
The Dream of Peace, by Gribble... ..1.75
Pitcher in Paradise—cloth... ..2.00
Vergil, by Bachelier... ..2.00
Anderson's Mercantile Letters... ..2.70

Drawing and Designing for Marine Engineers, by Roberts... ..\$4.70
Electric Light Fitting, by Urquhart... ..5.50
Practical Electricity, by Ayrton... ..5.50
Manual Practical Mathematics, by Castle... ..4.70
Pitman's Short-hand Instructor... ..3.70
Commercial Correspondence... ..1.50
Book-keeping Simplified and Key... ..2.70
Hoffmann's Tricks with Cards... ..1.50

Nautical Almanack. Lloyd's Almanack. Daily Mail Year Book.
Whitaker's Almanack. Whitaker's Pezaga. Xmas Pook. Xmas Pook.

CHAMPAGNE

LANSON PERE ET FILS
VIN 1898.

IN BOTTLES, 1/2 BOTTLES, AND 1/4 BOTTLES.
We have only a Few Cases of 1/2 Bottles, which we have expressly imported for the use of Invalids.

Telephone No. 75.
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.
Hongkong, March 2, 1905.

BULLETS WITHOUT THEIR BILLET.

While millions of missiles are being hurled against each other by the mighty armies of Russia and Japan, writes Mr. Frank Scudamore, the well-known war correspondent, in an article entitled "Bullets Without their Billets," in the *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, it is interesting to recall some of the many marvellous instances of escape from death by men struck apparently in a vital part. Here are some instances that have come under my own observation in different campaigns:

The night before the battle of Ginnia, fought on the Nile in 1886, Sir Archibald Hunter to give him his present title, with two brother officers, was watching from the walls of a ruined water-wheel the movements of a body of Dervish horsemen. The aperture in the wall through which they gazed was so narrow that the three were forced to stand close one behind another, while they observed the Dervishes through their field-glasses. And this is what happened. A bullet from the Dervishes (who soon opened fire) struck the lens of the front officer's glass, pierced it, passed through his eye and his head, killing him; passed then through the man next him—Colonel Hackett-Thompson, of the Camerons—and then entered the body of Archibald Hunter just above the heart, where it remains to this day.

It must be a painful reminder mentally as well as physically to General Hunter to know that he is wearing in his body the ball that killed one comrade and badly wounded another.

At the battle of Atbara, on April 7, 1898, I came across a wounded Highlander, who was sitting propped against the side of a Dervish rifle pit, beside a dead donkey, and several dead Dervishes. From the amount of blood that stained his clothing, I deemed the poor fellow badly hurt, but had little time to do more than hand him my flask and put the question to him, "They've got me, sir," he said with a cheery smile. "Where?" he said. "Right through the body," was the reply. "Bullet went in 'ere and came out 'ere," and he pointed out two blood-stained rents in his tunic, one about the region of the heart and the other close to his spine. I at once dismounted to endeavor to give him at least "first aid," though I did not suppose that any help could greatly avail him. But, on cutting away his clothing, I found to my surprise, and to the delight of us both, that the bullet had struck the point of a rib, and, deflecting, had passed right through the body under the flesh, emerging close to the spine. My friend was, to be sure, in great pain, but, after all, it was merely a flesh wound, and certainly a very narrow escape.

Lord Kitchener himself had what soldiers call "a lucky lot-off" at the re-taking of Tokar in 1889, where he was in command of the Khedive's forces. In the middle of the battle a bullet struck him in the throat, a mere fraction of an inch from the jugular vein, and lodged in the muscles of the neck. There it remained, despite the efforts of the surgeons, for some time, until one day at dinner Colonel Kitchener observed to swallow a fly, which produced a violent fit of coughing. In the midst of this the Dervish missile (a heavy Remington ball) dropped into his soup-plate.

FOR SALE.

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BEST "HEMMOR" CEMENT, ex Godown Wanchai, to arrive about March 15th June, 10th November. Breaking Strain 160 lbs. per square inch. Apply A. H. RENNIE, 2 Chater Road, Hongkong, March 2, 1905. 455

FOR SALE OR TO LET. AT THE PEAK.

AN ELEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, with Dressing, Dry-robe, and Bathrooms, fully furnished; distant fifteen minutes by car from the Peak; fitted with superior furniture and with hot and cold water; large Kitchen, Laundry, and Servants' Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or divided into two. For particulars and terms, Apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Hongkong, December 27, 1904. 441

SANTAL MIDY

These tiny Capsules—superior to Copal, Cubeb, and Injections—cure the same diseases as these drugs in forty-eight hours without inconvenience. Each Capsule bears the name MIDY.

LADIES' SAFE REMEDY

For functional troubles, delay, pain, and those irregularities peculiar to the sex.

APIOLINE

Prescribed by the highest French Medical authorities and superior to any other. Made from the purest natural ingredients.

CHAPOTEAU, 8, r. Vivienne, Paris.

For Sale by A. S. Watson & Co., 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Receiver, Supreme Court, to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 14th March, 1905, at 11 A.M., on the Premises, No. 106, at Queen's Road Central, —

STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c.,

of the

TY SING FIRM.

As a going concern.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 3, 1905. 463

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Receiver, Supreme Court, to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 7th March 1905, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, DES VUEX ROAD, Corner of Lee House Street.

THE GOODS AND CHATELAIN

of the

HANG ON FIRM.

No. 27 & 28, COFFAHOY ROAD CENTRAL, —

Comprising:

ENAMELLED WARE GOODS, AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 4, 1905. 475

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Receiver, Supreme Court, to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 7th March, 1905, at 2 P.M., at the MEMORIAL HOTEL, SHUE-KI-WAN ROAD, —

SUNDRY GOODS AND CHATELAIN,

belonging to J. CHRISTIE,

Comprising:

Broccoli Furniture, TEAKWOOD DRESSING TABLES and CHAIRS, MOROCCO and SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SEATERS, ELECTRO-PLATED GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CARPETS, RUGS, ENAMELLED TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARDS and DINING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, &c., &c., &c.

2 LEON SAYS (One by Phillips & Sons, Birmingham and the other by S. S. Lowe, London);

And

One INDIAN POST, TRAY and HARNESS Complete.

Catalogues may be had on application. TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 2, 1905. 452

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Receiver, Supreme Court, to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 7th March, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 7, DES VUEX ROAD, Corner of Lee House Street, —

A GREAT VARIETY OF MANILA CIGARS

Of the Best and Well-known Brands.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 3, 1905. 456

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 9th March, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, —

The Well-known Cruising Yacht

PILOVER

As she now lies opposite Ah King's Slipway, with all her Boats, Anchors, Chains and Appurtenances.

Now on View.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 1, 1905. 450

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of March, 1905, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND East of Mount Gough Reservoir for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Boundaries	Area	Approximate Value
North	100	100
South	100	100
East	100	100
West	100	100
Total	400	400

Particulars of the Lot.

Boundaries	Area	Approximate Value
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East	100	100
West	100	100
Total	400	400

NAVY CONTRACT, 1895-1906.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, H.M. VICTUALLING YARD, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 14th March, for the undermentioned articles:—

BISCUIT, BREAD SOFT, FLOUR, BEEF FRESH, VEGETABLES, POTATOES, RICE, SUGAR.

Forms of Tender, and particulars as to quality, etc., can be obtained on application. Samples of Biscuit, Flour, Rice, and Sugar, proposed to be supplied, should accompany Tender.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

Wm. HOSARTH,

Victualling Store Officer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1905. 454

Fine Skin

is made finer, and had is made better by

'DARTRING' 'LANOLINE'

No imitation can bear the 'Darting' No imitation can be called 'Darting'

Demand the genuine 'DARTRING' 'LANOLINE' TOILET SOAP

'DARTRING' 'LANOLINE' TOILET SOAP

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MAIL STEAMER DEPARTURES.

The following table is a chronologically arranged list of mail steamer sailings to Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Coast ports, Manila, and Japan are not given, for steamers are constantly sailing for these ports. All the American steamers call at Japan, and the majority of the Australian boats call at Manila, and, in addition to those vessels, special steamers run there. The departure of every steamer is subject to alteration. The P. & O. mails usually reach London in about 28 days, and the French and German in about 28 or 30 days.

EUROPEAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP. LONDON.	DEP.
March 7	M. M. C. de laonien	Marseilles	March 5	April 4
" 17	G. M. S. P. de laonien	Hamburg	" 15	" 15
" 21	G. M. S. P. de laonien	Hamburg	" 19	" 25
" 25	P. & O. N. de laonien	Hamburg	" 22	" 29
" 29	G. M. S. P. de laonien	Hamburg	" 26	" 31
April 4	M. M. C. de laonien	Marseilles	May 3	May 12
" 8	P. & O. N. de laonien	Hamburg	" 6	" 13
" 12	G. M. S. P. de laonien	Hamburg	" 10	" 17

CANADIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
March 8	C. P. R. Empress of Japan	Vancouver.	Mar. 29
" 15	do. do.	do.	April 5
" 29	do. do.	do.	April 19
April 19	do. do.	do.	May 10
" 26	do. do.	do.	" 21
May 1	do. do.	do.	June 17
" 24	do. do.	do.	" 21
" 31	do. do.	do.	" 28

AMERICAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
March 11	O. & O. Dorie	San Francisco	April 8
" 14	do. do.	do.	" 21
" 18	do. do.	do.	May 2
April 15	P. M. S. S. S. S.	do.	" 13
" 20	do. do.	do.	" 23
May 5	do. do.	do.	June 3
" 18	P. M. S. Manchuria	do.	" 13

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
Mar. 6	N. D. L. Prinz Sigismund	Sydney	Mar. 29
" 11	do. do.	do.	" 23
" 14	do. do.	do.	" 26
April 5	E. & A. Australian	do.	" 30
" 7	C. N. Chingta	do.	" 19
April 22	N. D. L. Prinz Waldemar	do.	" 15
May 3	C. N. T. T. T.	do.	" 3
May 13	E. & A. Empire	do.	" 3
May 29	C. N. T. T. T.	do.	June 21

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His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albatross	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. Richard M. Harbord	Canton
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,500	42	13,500	Captain Sydney R. Fremantle	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	1000	6	1400	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,500	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	4300	10	—	Capt. I. J. Telford	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	10,000	14	13,000	Captain Fegen	Hongkong
Albatross	water tank and tug	300	—	—	—	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6700	Lieut.-Comdr. Anser	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,500	18	15,500	Captain Hona Walter G. Stépien	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Shortland	Hongkong
Albatross	storeship	1500	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. P. M. Rindero	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3800	17	8000	Captain W. B. Mackenzie	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3000	Lieut.-Comdr. A. Gregory	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lieut.-Comdr. C. P. Metcalfe	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. F. B. Noble	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,500	18	15,500	Captain T. G. Great	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6700	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1015	6	1400	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	Surveying vessel	255	6	4500	Comdr. C. E. Moore	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	—	—	—	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3800	17	8000	Lieut.-Com. H. T. Attay	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	45	2	500	Capt. O. H. H. Moore	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Lieut.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	2500	Captain Wm. J. Grant	Hongkong
Albatross	receiving ship	650	6	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Crawford	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	800	Commodore Dicken	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3400	8	2000	Lieut.-Comdr. P. V. Dugmore	Hongkong
Albatross	self defence gunboat	12,500	18	15,500	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	355	6	3300	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	3300	Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	surveying ship	250	6	4500	Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	3300	In Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lieut.-Com. C. W. Wrightson	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Hongkong

* Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard H. Noel, Commander-in-Chief.

+ Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.B., C.M.G.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albatross	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Grunzberger	Singapore
Albatross	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	29	8000	Capt. Mirti Prinz	Swatow
Albatross	French armoured gunboat	1793	10	1700	Comdr. Laferriere	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	309	7	300	Lieut. A. Varney	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	123	—	500	Lieut. Chapin	Canton
Albatross	French gunboat	473	3	400	Lieut. Journet	Haiphong
Albatross	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	680	6	400	—	Saligon
Albatross	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Leclerc	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	140	5	150	—	Haiphong
Albatross	French cruiser	8018	18	17,000	Captain V. Poldone	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	625	4	458	Commander Leclerc	Haiphong
Albatross	French gunboat	690	10	800	Commander L'Est	Saligon
Albatross	French cruiser	4000	31	8500	—	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	350	7	300	Lieut. Jehanne	Haiphong
Albatross	French destroyer	9376	30	20,200	—	Haiphong
Albatross	French gunboat	307	7	850	Lieut.-Comdr. Beaussant	Haiphong
Albatross	French gunboat	1260	6	2200	Commander Lo Gelland	Shanghai
Albatross	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Captain Ores	Haiphong
Albatross	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lieut. de Veau Prat	Haiphong
Albatross	French gunboat	4016	27	8500	Capt. Heurt	Yankee
Albatross	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Comdr. Senne	Haiphong
Albatross	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Lieut. de Worch	Saligon
Albatross	French cruiser	1790	10	1700	Capt. Vincent	Saligon
Albatross	French gunboat	9866	—	20,000	Captain Oubertsen	Shanghai
Albatross	French gunboat	423	—	500	Lieut. Holue	Shanghai
Albatross	French gunboat	6160	23	4500	Captain Blonde	Yankee
Albatross	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Carol	Along Bay Canton
Albatross	German cruiser	1857	16	2300	Comdr. Huss	Manila
Albatross	German flag ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Frowe	Singapore
Albatross	German cruiser	1776	16	2300	Comdr. von Stodolitz	Singapore
Albatross	German cruiser	6230	37	10,000	Capt. Weber	Singapore
Albatross	German cruiser	37,000	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelpenninck	Singapore
Albatross	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Hüllessem	Hongkong
Albatross	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Kloba	Hongkong
Albatross	German gunboat	850	10	1344	Comdr. Eroncke	Hongkong
Albatross	German gunboat	1009	8	876	Comdr. von Grambow	Manila
Albatross	German cruiser	1640	16	2800	Comdr. Persius	Shanghai
Albatross	German cruiser	2800	24	8000	Captain Velt	Shanghai
Albatross	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Dainding	Canton
Albatross	German gunboat	170	5	500	Comdr. Giebler	Shanghai
Albatross	German gunboat	—	3	500	Lieut. Scherf	Shanghai
Albatross	Portuguese cruiser	1937	14	4700	Captain d'Antas Ribeiro	Hongkong

TWENTY-TWO JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

Pass Close to Hongkong.

A fleet of twenty-two Japanese warships passed within 100 miles of Hongkong early on Friday morning, steaming in the direction of the Philippines, and were sighted by the German steamer "Nubia".

This morning a representative of the China Mail waited on Captain Herber to obtain particulars regarding the incident, and was kindly supplied with the following particulars.

The "Nubia" was on her way to Hongkong from Manila, and while steaming on the ordinary course, at 2.30 on Friday morning, noticed several large ships in the distance travelling in the opposite direction. They came up very rapidly and were soon seen to be Japanese warships, seven in number. Captain Herber watched them the whole time through his glasses and states that they consisted of battleships and large cruisers. They kept in close formation and appeared to be travelling at full speed—without lights.

The excitement occasioned by meeting these ships had hardly died away when, at 4.30, another and much larger fleet bore in sight. This consisted of fifteen vessels, mostly large ones, steaming in close order and in the same direction as the seven that preceded them. They also were without lights and although one of them came so close behind the "Nubia" as to be able to read the name on her stern it did not signal her or interfere with her in any way.

They came up and travelled so quickly that more than half an hour elapsed from the time they were first sighted until they disappeared. The course the warships were steering was a south-easterly one and if followed would bring them into the vicinity of the Philippines.

Captain Herber saw nothing of any Russian or other warships, although he kept a very sharp look out during the whole of the voyage and while in Manila he heard nothing of either Russians or Japanese. He could not form any idea of what the Japanese ships intended doing, but considers that they were in a great hurry and must have some special object in view.

While at Manila he saw a steamer which had been trying to run the blockade to Vladivostok, with a big cargo, but lost her propeller and drifted for 90 days before she was towed into the Manila harbour, where she is now lying, waiting for repairs for her propeller. These repairs, considering the facilities available in Manila, will mean her being detained for a considerable time.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock two Japanese cruisers, one auxiliary cruiser (N.Y.K. steamer converted) and two collision vessels, Gak Rock, proceeded southward. Early in the afternoon they were sighted off Waglan.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

General Meeting.

The thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held in the office of the general managers, Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson was in the chair and there were also present, Mr. Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. White, E. Macdonald, A. J. Raymond, T. Arnold, W. A. Cruickshank, E. H. Michael, J. R. Michael, S. J. Michael, M. H. Michael, G. H. Potts, S. A. Joseph, W. H. Wickham, Ho Fook, Lo Sai Chee, P. Tester, P. Hall, and G. T. Veitch (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, With your permission, we will adopt the usual custom and take the Report and Accounts as read. I think I may safely congratulate you on the outcome of the 1904 Accounts. Our risks ran off without any serious losses, and with your approval we propose dealing with the balance of \$302,222.22 by the addition of \$30,222.22 to the Reserve Fund, which will then stand at the substantial sum of \$1,200,510.70, and the payment of a Dividend of \$24.40 per Share. The Balance at Credit for the 1904 Working Account is somewhat less than last year, this is owing to the numerous fires during the past twelve months, none of any great extent, but the amount of the loss is considerable. In addition to the amount appearing in the Accounts, \$87,543.98 losses are actually paid, we know of further claims, at present in course of adjustment, estimated at \$14,839.11. This is disappointing, and I can only hope our outstanding risks will run off in a favourable manner. Our Surveys report that in every instance the properties mortgaged show ample margins on the sums advanced. There is nothing further in the Accounts calling for any special comment from me, but before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented I shall be pleased to answer any questions pertaining thereto which Shareholders may have to ask.

There being no questions the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Potts—I have very much pleasure in seconding the motion, and I am sure I am expressing the feelings of the shareholders in congratulating the Directors on the very good results of the year's working, and I only hope that the Chairman's remarks about the present year will turn out better than he anticipates.

The motion was carried.

The confirmation of the appointment of Mr. H. P. White to the Consulting Committee and the re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs P. Hall and, A. J. Raymond and H. P. White were carried on the motion of Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Michael proposed the re-election of Messrs W. H. Potts and T. Arnold as auditors.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants can be had on application to the office at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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SPORTING.

Association Football.

HONGKONG F.C. v. N.Y.K.

The Shield tie between the Hongkong Football Club and the N.Y.K. team was played at Happy Valley on Saturday last, resulting in a draw. The game, however, was in favour of the regimental team, for time and again the Club's goalkeeper was called upon to clear. That there was no score made by the West Kents is due entirely to F. Kow, the goalkeeper. From the start the West Kents attacked and had a shot at goal shortly after the commencement, just missing the post. After steady play the regimental team's forwards worked down into a good position, beating the Hongkong Club's backs, and with only Kow to beat one of them shot. Kow saved in excellent style. A few minutes later Kow was called upon again, and as he caught the ball he was charged by a West Kent player, but he managed to get the ball clear. The West Kents played a fast game, but their passing was too long and sometimes very erratic. When shooting at goal, too, they were not in first class form, although one or two stinging shots were sent in. In their forward division the Royal West Kents have a quintette of good men, especially the two wings. The Club, on the other hand, were weak in the forward line. They passed very well, but the defence of the Royal West Kents was too strong for them to break through, and each promising rush up-field ended in the ball being sent down again. Towards the end of the game, after the Club's goal had been severely bombarded by the N.Y.K. fully, the Club carried the ball to the opposite end, where a shot was made at goal. The goalkeeper listed but the ball went high in the air and Pearce sent it into the goal when it came down. The referee decided it was no goal, as the latter player handled the ball. The game finished up a draw, neither side having scored.

ROYAL ENGINEERS F.C. v. "CENTURION". The match between the Royal Engineers and H.M.S. "Centurion" was played on Saturday, resulting in a win for the Royal Engineers by two goals to nil. The game was a fast one and was witnessed by a large number of spectators, who grew very enthusiastic as the game advanced, cheering the players as they attacked or defended. The Royal Engineers were the attackers right throughout the game, and kept up a continual bombardment. "Centurion's" goalkeeper played a very safe game, and cleared some very difficult shots. Occasionally the "Centurion" team made a brilliant dash but it was not sustained for long, the excellent combination of the Engineers driving them back on each occasion. In both halves of the game the Royal Engineers scored a goal. Towards the finish of the match the smart work of the "Centurion's" men warned the spectators up and it seemed likely that they would score. They carried the ball along with a rush and cutting it, pressed into the goal, but the N.Y.K. players were in difficulties for some time, but the whistle put an end to a very fine game.

NAVAL YARD V. H. M. S. "ALBION". The Naval Yard and H. M. S. "Albion" met on Saturday and after a good game a draw was the result. In the first half play was very even, first one side and then the other would gain the advantage. After considerable play the Naval Yard scored, the "Albion's" goalkeeper being beaten by a hard shot. He had previously cleared his line, but the ball was sent back smartly. In the second half the "Albions" attacked but were repulsed and the Naval Yard players sent down half a dozen rash. They were driven back again and their goal was put in danger. After some even play the "Albions" scored, making the game one goal nil. This was the final score and the game finished as above stated. The Naval Yard played a better game than their opponents on the whole, but in the second half the "Albions" came with a dash which surprised the spectators.

Rugby.

HONGKONG CLUB AND THE NAVY met on Saturday, and after an interesting game, which was in favour of the Hongkong team, the result was a draw. The teams were:—HONGKONG.—Lt. G. B. Macdonald, back; J. Thomson, T. E. Pearce, W. G. Leckie and A. S. Kempthorne, three-quarters; E. R. Hannay and J. P. Jordan, halves; E. R. Halliday, J. W. Golding, A. Boyd, H. M. Manning, J. H. Murray, D. B. Murray, H. O. Aspinall, and H. P. Chant, forwards.

NAVY.—Bouchier, back; Fawcett, Stewart, Bateman and Stevens, three-quarters; Child and Bales, halves; Holden, McKenzie-Grieve, Willis, Bartlett, Littlejohn, Taylor, Woodward and Blencoe, forwards.

From the kick off the Navy pressed and for a little while play was in the Hongkong Club's territory. The Hongkong forwards were a better lot than the Naval men and kept them well in hand. From the scrum-mage Leckie received a pass, which he sent across fast to Thomson. The latter ran well towards the wing and pressed inside to the posts. Pearce was downed, but was able to send the ball back to Leckie. The latter was brought down and another scrum-mage was held. After centre-field play Hannay ran round well, and transferred the ball to Kempthorne. The latter opened the game strongly, but passed forward when in a good position. The Hongkong three-quarters were passing well, a three were several neat displays given, all terminating, however, in forward passes or knock on.

Pearce was playing a good game and, in company with Jordan, did excellent work. On one occasion Pearce picked up smartly and ran round the Naval team reaching the full-back. Here he passed to Jordan, who had followed up well, and the latter sprinted. He was caught from behind and passed to Chant, but the latter failed to take the ball. In the second half the Hongkong team seemed certain to score, for Kempthorne after getting a fifteen yards of the Navy's goal line, but was forced out. Scrum-mages carried the play to within yards of the line and in the model "Boys" fell across. The referee decided to try. The Navy relieved the pressure by a high kick; and Macdonald, the Hongkong full-back, ran up, taking a pot shot at goal. He kicked well, but the ball went slightly to the side of the posts. Boyd, being off-side, gave the Navy a free kick inside their own twenty-five, which put them on the attack.

Stirling play by Bateman and Stevens carried the ball up the wing, where they were stopped by Macdonald. The Navy pressed hard, but in the end they failed to break through. The Hongkong team were superior and cleared their line. The game was a fast one, and the Hongkong team had the better of matters.

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Racing.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held a Ladies' race on Saturday, the following boats starting:—"Dione," Miss Stella May, "Vernon," (Mrs. J. Hastings), "Elphinstone," (Miss Gerty Jones), "Alison," (Mrs. Harston), "Alannah," (Mrs. Smith), "Bonito," (Mrs. Bird), "Colleen," (Mrs. Kent), "Kathleen," (Mrs. Watkins), "Iris," (Mrs. Oatland), "Chanticleer," (Mrs. Hardy), "Dorcas," (Miss J. Hastings), "The course was from Kowloon, Police Pier, to Channel Rocks and back, a distance of 5 1/2 miles. "Dione" and "Vernon" were the first to cross the line, and headed for the Channel Rocks, "Dione" taking the lead. "Alannah" stood out to the centre of the harbour, and being favoured by both wind and tide, crept up on the leaders. "Dione" rounded the Channel Rocks first, and turned homeward. The wind, which was light all day, now died away, leaving almost the entire fleet "hung up". "Dione" and just sufficient breeze to carry her home and she crossed the finish line eighteen minutes ahead of "Vernon", the latter being very closely followed by "Alannah" and "Iris". The latter saved her time on both "Vernon" and "Alannah" and secured second prize, "Alannah" being third. The times were:—"Dione" ... 4 15 0 (1) "Vernon" ... 4 33 0 (2) "Alannah" ... 4 35 20 (3) "Iris" ... 4 33 30 (4) "Elphinstone" ... 4 30 03 (5) "Chanticleer" ... 4 35 45 (6) "Alison" ... 4 35 45 (7) "Bonito" ... 4 35 45 (8) "Kathleen" ... 4 35 45 (9) "Colleen" ... 4 35 45 (10)

A RACE ABANDONED. The Club race between yachts of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, set down for Saturday, was abandoned owing to the wind being insufficient.

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB. The boats of the Corinthian Yacht Club held a number of short races at the back of Stonecutters Island after tea, and there were some rather exciting finishes. All the races were close. A cruiser race for a silver trophy was won by the "Dart", a length or two from "Ariel". Amongst the one-design boats there were several competitions. The first race was for the benefit of non-boat-owning members of the Club. The race was actually won by "Hibernia", but as she was disqualified, the trophy went to Mr. Shepherd, who sailed the "Cam", the second boat.

The race for boats sailed by owners was won by "Wreath", a few lengths from "Hibernia", whilst the trophy for a friends' race was won by Mr. Lecherer in the "Cam". Later on a match was sailed off between "Hibernia" and "Wreath", and after a close finish, "Hibernia" won by a couple of lengths. Another race between "Cam" and "Nina" was won by the latter by about a foot. It was the closest finish of the day. "Hibernia" and "Ariel" are the two latest boats launched, and they both showed up well. The "Dart" is a handsome boat, and she just before gun fire in the owners' race, and was unable to get back in time to have any show. She should do well in the future with her sister craft.

Ride Shooting. The members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association to the number of eighty-six attended at the King's Park rifle range on Saturday when a competition was held between the Kowloon, Peak, and Hongkong members. The result was a draw for Kowloon, who fired of nineteen rounds for seven each, an average of nineteen per round. The Peak members fired of sixty-four rounds for an average of 19, while the Hongkong members fired seventy-two rounds for an average of 19.

The principal individual scores are:—A. Cameron ... 33 27 J. Fisher ... 29 28 J. H. Naylor ... 29 28 J. Dougherty ... 29 28 C. R. Scott ... 28 33 Capt. Barnes-Lawrence ... 25 17 J. Douglas ... 27 22 E. W. Dawson ... 27 22 E. W. Perry ... 26 20 Rev. C. M. Hickling ... 26 24 W. H. Donald ... 26 21 W. H. Grist ... 25 30 W. H. Wickham ... 25 28 M. Stewart ... 23 17 A. G. Northing ... 23 18 H. W. Fraser ... 24 20 J. Rankin ... 24 23 J. Whittall ... 24 20 P. N. H. Jones ... 23 18 W. R. McRae ... 23 23 C. E. H. Beavis ... 23 16 H. H. Campbell ... 23 16 G. L. Duncan ... 23 23 H. W. Robertson ... 23 19 L. A. M. Johnston ... 23 21 T. P. Dubs ... 22 18 T. P. Cochrane ... 22 18 H. E. Goldsmith ... 21 18 C. Stewart ... 21 17 W. B. Brett ... 21 17 E. B. Shepherd ... 21 21 A. T. Walker ... 20 17 C. H. Guice ... 20 20 H. T. Wilgress ... 19 19 W. G. Winter ... 19 18 J. Stubbings ... 19 18 E. O'Connell ... 18 16 C. Cotter ... 18 16 W. Goodfellow ... 18 16 W. T. Edwards ... 17 16 A. J. Williams ... 17 16 S. H. Borkley ... 16 16 L. S. Lewis ... 16 16 P. Maxwell ... 16 16

On Saturday next the range will again be available for practice from 1.30 to 5 p.m.

VOLUNTEER RIFLE MEETING. The first day of the Hongkong Volunteer rifle meeting was held on Saturday at the Tai-Hing range. Fifty-one members of the Corps attended and on the whole the shooting was close. In the C.O. competition Messrs Messrs Penning and Jackson, with a total of 77 each out of a possible 84, lead the way, but as a number of the good shots of the Corps have not yet arrived it is probable that they will be exceeded next week. The shooting is carried out under service conditions, a "bull" counting four, etc.

An interesting billiard match took place at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, between Messrs Pitt and A. Cameron. The former conceded the latter 200 points out of 500, and ultimately won by 60 points. Cameron started off poorly, while Pitt opened with a break of 67. Pitt played a very careful game, "potting" his opponent whenever he had a chance, if the red was in bank. The game was witnessed by a number of people.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RISE IN MEAT PRICES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.) DEAR SIR,—I was pleased to see Householder's letter in your last evening's issue. Let us all combine and back up the Dairy Farm Co., and we will soon break the back of the Guild. I am a shareholder and so really get my meat cheaper than most market rates, for the simple reason that I am refunded the profits on my purchases in dividends. The Co's shares may be purchased through any broker, thus we have a Meat Co-operative Society ready established.—Yours faithfully,

MEPHANAC.

HONGKONG, March 6, 1905.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

Two theatres and 55 houses were burnt down at Kowloon on the 22nd.

The drought in the Loosches has come to an end, heavy rains having fallen, as in normal years.

The Chinese gunboat "Kiangjuen," built at the Kawasaki Yard, Kobe, and 14.8 knots per hour trial, her contract speed being 13 knots.

The steamer "Koro Maru," 1,028 tons, intended to carry fishermen to Amoy, stranded in a gale off Amoy on the 17th ult. No lives were lost.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha has bought the British steamers "Argus," "Onion," and "Rockburn," the German steamer "Nanyang," the Norwegian steamer "Orango," and three other vessels, totalling 17,922 tons.

Supreme Court. IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. (Before His Lordship Sir Henry Berkeley, Chief Justice.)

Monday, March 6.

ALLIED BREACH OF CONTRACT. Wong Lut Wan sued Tam Chuk U for alleged breach of contract.

The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. R. Harding, of Messrs. James and Harston) appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. E. Pollock, K.C., represented the defendant.

The plaintiff claimed that specific performance was decreed of an agreement in writing made between the plaintiff, as vendor, and the defendant, as purchaser, on May 28, 1903, for the sale of certain property known as the remaining portion of Island Lot No. 1216, subject to a certain indenture of mortgage, the \$27,500 portion of the principal sum of \$100,000 and the interest thereon be paid, that the defendant be ordered to pay plaintiff \$5,000 damages, and such other further relief as the Court might deem fit.

Mr. Sharp stated that the action first came on for hearing on September 15 last and was adjourned the following day.

The hearing was not concluded when the Court rose.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS. The 93rd Burmas.

The annual regimental sports in connection with the 93rd Burma Infantry were held on the Parade Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon.

At the invitation of the officers of the regiment a large number of visitors braved the weather and witnessed the sports, amongst those present being His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hatton, Sir H. S. Berkeley, Major Chichester, R.E., and a goodly number of ladies. The weather throughout the afternoon was dull, but the sports were nevertheless greatly enjoyed.

The officers proved excellent hosts and entertained their guests with tasty refreshments during the intervals between the various events. A programme of music was contributed by the brass band and the spirit of the sports was, at the conclusion of the programme, and the company broke up after giving three cheers for their kindness in doing so.

The officials who controlled the races were:—President, Major S. G. Radcliff; Executive Committee, Major S. R. Stevens, Capt. W. H. Simpson, Lieut. E. Burd and Jemadar Kirpal Singh; Judges, Subadar Major Istar Singh and Jemadar Mahadhar; Timekeepers, Major S. R. Stevens, Subadar Lieut. H. W. F. Ricketts.

The following were the results:—Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1 Savana Shah, 2 Maji, 3 Muhammad Abdul. Distance, 58 yds. 1 ft. 4 in.

Long Jump: 1 Harnam Singh, 2 Narayan Singh, 3 Raj Singh. Distance, 18 ft. 4 in.

Quarter Mile Race (for Recruits only): 1 Inam Din, 2 Ujagar Singh, 3 Ganga Singh. Time, 1 min. 45 sec.

Half Mile Race: 1 Narayan Singh, 2 Hari Singh, 3 Motu Singh. Time 2 min. 15 sec.

Shooting the Shot: 1 Sher Singh, 2 Prem Singh, 3 Phulan Muhammad. Distance, 31 ft. 7 in.

100 Yards Race (final): 1 Inam Din, 2 Hani Singh, 3 Ganga Singh. Time, 11 1/2 sec.

Quarter Mile Race (Open to Native Troops): 1 Ahmed Din, 119th Infantry, 2 Ghulam Muhammad H.K.S.B.R.G.A., 3 Bhagat Singh, H.K.S.B.R.G.A. Time, 1 min. 44 sec.

Extra Race 100 yds (open to Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Army and Army): 1 W. G. A. Time, 12 1/2 sec.

Drubbling the Hockey Ball: 1 Sham Singh, 2 Matal Singh, 3 Chaman Singh. Quarter Mile Race: 1 Narayan Singh, 2 Muhammad Khan, 3 Inam Din. Time, 2 1/2 min.

High Jump: 1 Natha Singh, 2 Prem Singh, 3 Ujagar Singh. Height 5 ft. 0 in.

Quarter Mile Race. Open to Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Army and Army (British Corps): 1 Bombarlier Wood, R.G.A., 2 Gunner Wilks, R.G.A., 3 Brody, H.M.S. "Astrea." Time, 1 min. 25 sec.

One Mile Race: 1 Ganga Singh, 2 Motu Singh, 3 Muhammad Khan. Time, 5 min. 10 sec.

300 Yards Race. Open to Officers of the Army and Army and Members of the Hongkong Club: 1 Lieut. Seymour, H.M.S. "Albion," 2 Mr. Horsey, H.M.S. "Vengeance." Time, 11 sec.

Company Relay Race. One mile—1 D. Company. Time, 4 min. 3 1/2 sec.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

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